SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, I am fully aware of the frame-work of the Constitution of the country.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am afraid you are not displaying it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Sir, if he claims that it is not within the purview of his Ministry, he should not have admitted it. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right ...*(Interruptions)*... Let me make another rule ...*(Interruptions)*... I am afraid if the Members persist on this, I am going to have the questions examined, now, strictly from the constitutional point of view and only those questions will be admitted which fall within the purview ...*(Interruptions)*... You can come and discuss the subject with me in the Chamber. This is a not the occasion for it. Mr. Minister, please complete your answer so that others can seek supplementaries.

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Sir, the State Government has explained the irrigation potential, they are saying that there is no slippage and also saying that which districts will benefit and what it will be completed by end of December 2008. This is the information that they have provided. I cannot go to the extent of saying that the hon. Member, whom I know as a friend, was sharing information which was not correct. This is the information which I am giving to the House. I am answerable to Parliament. Whatever is the nature of the question, this is what the State Government has told me. That is the information which I have to share with the House.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: So far as irrigation facilities in Andhra Pradesh are concerned, as per the Bharat Nirman Programme, one crore hectare has to be provided all over the nation. Is it a fact that in Andhra Pradesh irrigation facilities will be provide in 15 hectares of land under this programme in future?

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Sir, that can be examined separately. But I must tell this august House that there is a letter from the Andhra Pradesh Government thanking us for responding positively to the Andhra proposal. The AIBP is helping because they have made substantial investment in irrigation.

SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Sir, the Administrative Reforms Commission has made a recommendation. This is a very serious matter if the Government is going to have a control over the rivers. It will be harmful for a State like Assam. Is the Government going to accept this type of report? The Government should be very serious about it. They have to take care of the sentiments of the people if they are going to accept this type of a report.

PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Which report?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Losses incurred by PSU oil companies and refineries

*501. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of losses incurred by PSU, oil producing companies and oil refining companies during 2006-07 and 2007-08, due to Government control on petroleum prices, and

(b) in what ratio have these losses been absorbed by oil producing companies, oil refining companies and Government respectively?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) In spite of persistently high international oil prices, Government has taken a conscious decision not to pass on the burden of high international oil prices to the consumer, so as to protect the common man and the economy from the inflationary impact of international oil prices. As a result, retail selling prices of four sensitive petroleum products namely Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG have not risen in line with international oil prices. Due to this, the Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have incurred under-recoveries on the sale of these sensitive petroleum products during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08. The details of under-recoveries incurred by OMCs during the said period are as under:

(*Rs. in crore*)

Sl.No.	Name of OMC	2006-07	2007-08 (Provisional)*
1	Indian Oil Corporation	28,579	42,912
2	Bharat Petroleum Corporation	10,746	18,158
3	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation	10,062	16,233
	TOTAL:	49,387	77,303

*Subject to adjustment upon receipt of audited figures.

The Public Sector Oil Producing Companies *viz.* Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited and Oil India Limited did not incur any losses during the above periods.

(b) The burden shared by Government, Public Sector Upstream Oil Companies and OMCs for 2006-07 and April-December, 2007 (provisional) is as under:

Sl. No.		2006-07		Apr-Dec' 07 (Provisional)	
		Rs. crore	%	Rs. crore	%
1	Reduction in under-recoveries due to price increase in Petrol and Diesel during the year	7,119	12.60	—	—
2	Amount borne by Upstream Oil Companies	20,507	36,30	15,873	33,33
3	Amount borne by Government through issue of Oil Bonds	24,121	42.70	20,333	42.70
4	Amount absorbed by OMCs	4,759	8.40	11,413	23.97
5	Total under-recoveries of OMCs	56,506	100.00	47,619	100.00